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Dear Pam:

"20/20" is about to undertake a major investigation concerning the recent rise in RA/UDAA crimes, popularly known as "car thefts". It is a problem affecting those who live in large cities nationwide.

In speaking with Ms. Pamela Troutman of "20/20", I advised her that the Police Director as well as the Mayor would have to approve such a project. The Police Director is well aware of the Mayor sensitivity regarding "Crime Stories" dealing with the City of Newark.

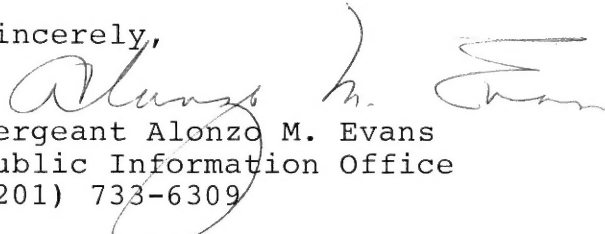
I would like to speak with you at your earliest convenience about this project. In addition, the following information is requested as part of this project:

1. Auto theft operation, such as, buying of stolen auto parts, sting operation, etc.
2. "20/20" Interview with car thieves.
3. Recent arrest of car thieves.
4. Interview with a victim of auto theft.
5. Interview with surviving relatives of victims killed as a result of auto thefts.
6. Stats pertaining to the number of autos taken at gunpoint.

I would like to explore the possibility of undertaking this project with the approval of the Mayor. If approval is not granted the project will be closed.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


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